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TOPIC Parchim Airfield

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REMARKS

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Parchim airfield on 16 and 17 September 1954.

16 September. At 1750, 10 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field. At 2100, there was air activity by 5 jet fighters which took off in rapid succession and flew with set position lights. One aircraft flew in the beams of a searchlight in the vicinity of the field.

17 September. At 1100, 1 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 landed at the field. A total of 10 jet fighters were counted on the dispersed areas of the field.

2. About 0800 on 29 September, 3 Il-28s were parked north of the runway. At 0900, 7 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s with their noses pointing to the northwest were observed at the eastern end of the runway. The apertures of the jet engines were closed by red caps. Auxiliary fuel tanks were fitted under the wings. No maintenance personnel were seen near the aircraft. In the northern section of the landing field were 5 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s on which maintenance work was being done. No air activity was observed.
3. No changes were observed on the radio installation in the eastern extension of the runway beyond the training area and on the Kdferest-type radar set at the northern edge of the field. About 10 meters from the set was a mast about 6 meters high and 20 cm in diameter with a top looking like a chimney cowl. About 100 meters west of the east end of the runway was a steel mast, about 8 meters high, braced by 2 guy wires and with an umbrella-type antenna the rods of which were about 1 meter long. A radio truck was observed in the vicinity of the mast.
4. The fuel containers in the fuel dump were covered. Five trailers of tank trucks were parked in their vicinity. A total of 40 soldiers were seen in the dump. A large heap of bouquettes was observed at the side of the dump.
5. Vehicular traffic at the field involved motor vehicles.
6. About 70 railroad tank cars were observed on the freight station.
7. The apartment houses on Damer Weg west of Parchim were apparently occupied by Soviet dependents since many women and children were seen there and about 50 percent of the windows had curtains. Asentry with air force insignia was posted

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Comment. It is believed that Parchim airfield is still occupied by a fighter regiment. The Il-28s, which have repeatedly been reported since late July 1954, are probably used as AA target representations over the Wustrow AA firing range.

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Comment. It is not assumed that any changes occurred on the radio and radar installations at Parchim airfield. The purpose of the 6-meter-high mast with a top similar to a chimney cowl has not been determined. The umbrella-type antenna near the runway is probably used for VHF traffic during the air activity.

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Comment. According to available information, a large fuel dump is believed to be located at the airfield. The 70 railroad tank cars observed at Parchim railroad station are believed to contain a transport reserve.

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